

What is claimed is:

1. (Original)A computer-based service cooperative system, comprising:
 - a host computer;
 - at least two member computers linkable to said host computer, said member computers associated in a member group;
 - a point value system carried by said host computer, wherein one of said members in said member group requests a service event via said host computer, said host distributing said service event request to other members of said group, one of whom accepts and performs said service; and
 - a ledger carried by said host computer for maintaining a point account for each member, said host computer calculating a point amount for each said service event and adjusting accordingly said point accounts for the provider and the requestor.
2. (Original)The system according to claim 1, wherein said host computer maintains more than one group.
3. (Original)The system according to claim 1, wherein said host computer accesses said ledger and determines which member's point account is most in arrears and sends said service event request to a first member with the highest arrears point account for consideration.
4. (Original)The system according to claim 3, wherein said host computer sends said service request event to the next highest arrears point account for consideration if said first member denies said request or does not respond to said request within a predetermined period of time.
5. (Original)The system according to claim 1, wherein said host computer accesses said ledger and establishes a hierarchical order according said member's point account and sends said service event request to a first group of members with the highest hierarchical ranking.

6. (Original)The system according to claim 5, wherein said host computer sends said service event request to a second group of members with the next highest hierarchical ranking for consideration if all said first group members deny said service event request or none of said first group members respond within a predetermined period of time.
7. (Original)The system according to claim 2, wherein said host computer sends said service event request to all members of said group if said service event request is within a predetermined period of time of when said service event needs to occur.
8. (Original)The system according to claim 1, wherein said host computer sends a point confirmation request to said service event provider to verify point totals for said service event, whereupon receipt of said confirmation request or acquiescence thereto, said host computer updates said ledger.
9. (Original)The system according to claim 1, wherein said host computer sends a reminder to said service provider with pertinent information a predetermined period of time prior to said service event.
10. (Original)The system according to claim 1, further comprising:
an initiator representing one of said at least two members of said group for communicating with said host computer.
11. (Original)The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said at least two member computers functions as said host computer.

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